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FARMERS GET HALF MILLION

Alma Plant of Michigan Sugar Company Pays Out Nearly \$600,000.00.

IS FOR OCTOBER BEETS

Between St. Louis and Alma Factories Over One Million Was Paid Out Last Saturday.

Few people realize to what proportion in Michigan, and it is only by scanning the amount that the various factories pay to the farmers that an idea of the greatness of this Michigan industry can be secured. The Alma plant of the Michigan Sugar Company, only one of the many factories in the state, paid last Saturday to farmers for beets delivered during the month of October the sum of \$596,907.32.

This means that Gratiot county farmers were paid last Saturday for beets delivered in October about one million dollars, as the St. Louis factory of the Holland-St. Louis Sugar Company paid out \$425,000 to their growers, most of whom are Gratiot farmers.

The \$596,907.32 paid by the Alma plant of the Michigan Sugar Company represents payment for 59,690 tons and 371 pounds of beets, which the records of the Alma plant show to have been delivered during the first month of the annual fall campaign.

All of the money was paid to farmers by checks, which were mailed to them from the offices of the Alma plant here this being regarded as the most satisfactory way to handle the payments of this huge sum of money, from a standpoint of safety, and the amount of work needed to make the payments.

A great portion of this money is certain to ultimately find its way into the various stores of the county, and it is very probable that the business men of Alma will realize their share of this great sum of money, which the farmers will be speedily turning for things they are in need of.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT

Alma People Greatly Enjoyed Benefit For Alma Library.

Beautiful in all of its appointments was the musical tea given by Mrs. F. Ruggles last week for the benefit of the Alma Public Library in her home on Michigan avenue.

There was a large attendance, which included a number of out of town guests.

The spacious living room was a bower of beauty with its huge vases of tall chrysanthemums, and American Beauty roses. The dining room, wherein the tea was served, had the same artistic arrangement carried out in tones of yellow to blend with the rich furnishings.

A fine program was enjoyed by a very appreciative audience. Miss Marjett Frances Brunske of Saginaw was delightful with her rich soprano voice and was compelled to respond to several numbers. She was accompanied by Miss Evangeline Sawkins. Miss Ruth Palmer, always pleasing, was a delight and a surprise to her many friends and admirers, with her fine lyric soprano voice. Mrs. Pringle was her accompanist. Mr. Chouinard was at his best and delighted his audience with the various numbers he offered. Miss Nellie Weatherhead gave two readings, which were enthusiastically received.

At the close of the program dancing, for those who so desired, was indulged in, in the ballroom. Mr. Olmstead's five-piece orchestra furnished the music, which drew a goodly number from the upper rooms.

Mrs. Ruggles added dignity and charm to the occasion by being gowned in a very handsome Joseph creation of gold lace and Queen Ann satin, and dispensed hospitality in her pleasing manner. She had arranged for a continuous and varied program which left not a dull moment for any one.

A handsome sum was realized and the happy crowd dispersed, voting this quite the most attractive and most enjoyable affair of the season.

ARCADA FARMERS' CLUB

The Arcada Farmers' Club will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hainline on Thanksgiving day Thursday, November 27. Take your basket filled with goodies and have one of those good old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinners.

In the afternoon the following program will be given:

Song—Club.
Prayer—Rev. Priest.
Reading—Mrs. Priest.
Music—Velma Hanford.
Recitation—Lester Walstow.
Quartet—Louise Hainline, Frances Priest, Elsa Struble.
Question box.
Song—Club.
Committee—Mrs. Fink, Mrs. Rockefeller, Mrs. Walstow, Mrs. Hanford.

Douglas Fairbanks, Idlehour Saturday—adv.

Best candies. DeLuxe.—77-44-c

COMPILING TONNAGE

Tonnage Statistics Being Compiled for Michigan Northern.

Charles F. Warden, vice president of the Michigan Northern Railroad company, has returned to Lansing from Ann Arbor where he saw H. E. Riggs, professor of engineering of the University of Michigan. Prof. Riggs is now engaged in compiling tonnage statistics preparatory to making a report relative to the potential earning powers of the proposed road.

Prof. Riggs, an authority in engineering matters as they pertain to railroads, has completed the survey of one half the line in the matter of tonnage, etc. Information has been submitted also by various business organizations, merchants, banking interests, manufacturing interests and others in position to know.

A part of the information being gathered relates to the growth of the territory through which the new road will pass. In the past ten years this territory is shown to have made tremendous strides especially in animal husbandry, general agriculture and industrialism. Towns which a decade ago had little or no industrial life but which might be classed as agricultural towns, are now supporting good sized manufacturing enterprises whose sales scope is world wide.

IMPORTANT COLLEGE

MEETING WAS HELD

Conference on \$35,000,000 Endowment Campaign of Presbyterians Held in Chicago.

Presidents and financial secretaries of the seventeen colleges to be added under the first year of the \$35,000,000 college endowment campaign of the General Board of Education of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. will meet with secretaries of the Presbyterian educational board from New York headquarters in Chicago November 18.

The conference will be held in the Virginia library rooms of McCormack Theological Seminary and will be for the purpose of deciding on ways and means to raise the sums asked for by these Presbyterian colleges. Field secretaries to aid in the campaigns will also be named at this conference.

The Presbyterian colleges of Alma Mich., Clarksville, Ark., Lebanon, Tenn., Elkins, W. Va., Geneseo, Ill., Hastings, Neb., Huron, S. D., Caldwell, Idaho, Decatur, Ill., Jamestown, N. D., Danville, Ky., Easton, Pa., St. Paul, Minn., Fairfield, Utah, will be represented.

The \$35,000,000 Presbyterian endowment campaign is one of five years calling for \$7,000,000 a year, which will be distributed to the seventeen colleges mentioned in proportion to their needs and the proviso that the college itself raise three or four times that much. This amount must be raised before March, 1921, each college receiving from \$25,000 to \$200,000 from the Presbyterian fund.

At the Chicago conference a system will be worked out so that a co-operative plan can be used whereby the work of raising the money for the individual colleges can be evenly distributed. The plan will also allow campaigns to be arranged so that the field financial campaign secretaries can keep continually at work and upon raising funds for one Presbyterian college begin aiding on the campaign for the next one in the series. It is expected that by this method campaign expenses will be materially reduced and fewer men can do the work of the many.

New York Headquarters of the Presbyterian General Education Board will be represented by Dr. Edgar P. Hill, general secretary; Dr. Frederick E. Stockwell of Trenton, N. J., recently elected associate secretary in charge of the college department; Dr. Lewis E. Holden of Brooklyn; and Dr. James E. Clarke, field secretary, of Nashville, Tenn. Four financial assistants of the board will also be present. Nearly all of the Presbyterian college presidents, including H. M. Crooks of Alma, will be present.

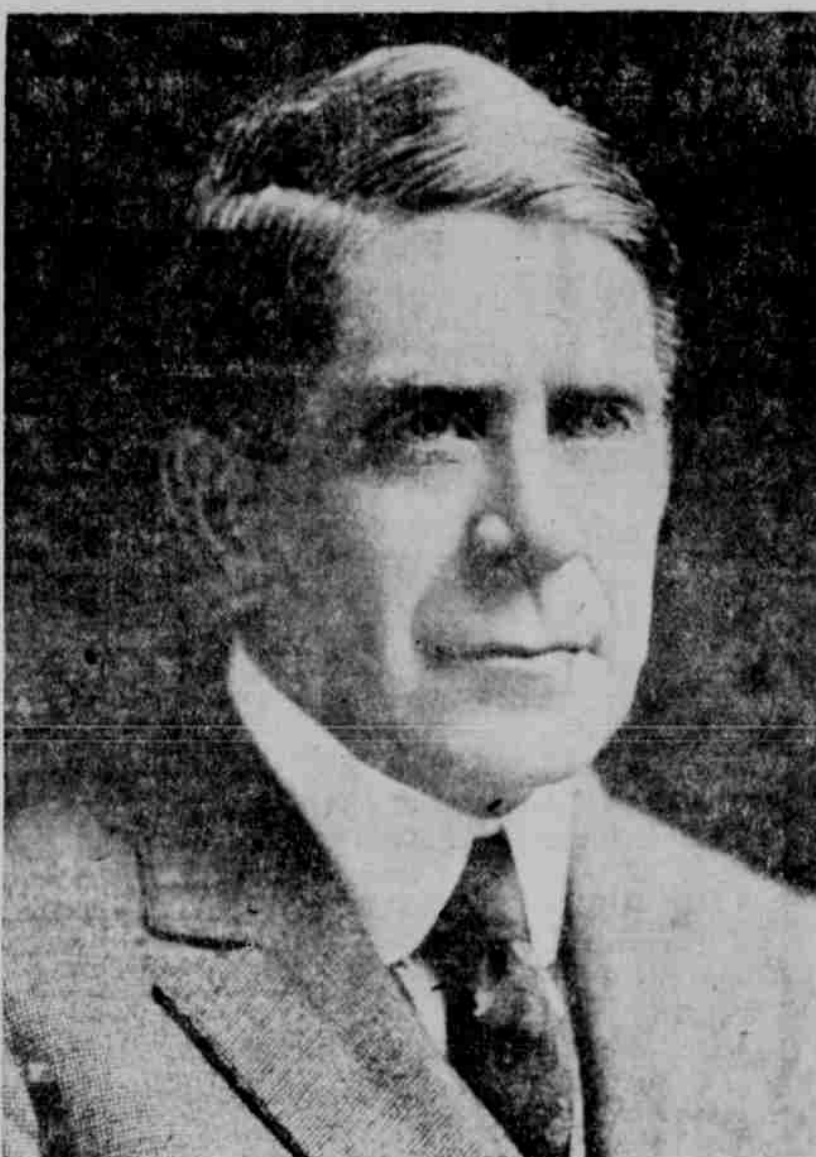
Of the colleges which will receive part of the \$35,000,000 endowment fund for the first year, the largest allotment will be made to Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah. This Presbyterian college is the only Christian educational institution of higher learning in that whole western state in which the Mormons predominate. Great endeavor is being made to make this a strong institution in what is regarded as "home mission" territory. Other colleges which come in this classification are Arkansas, Cumberland, Idaho and Pikeville. The share of this fund for Alma college is reported to be \$50,000.00.

GOOD POSITION

Dewitt Vought, for many years a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias of this city, has accepted a position as superintendent of the insurance department of the Knights of Pythias for Michigan. Mr. Vought expects to take up his new work just as quickly as he can close up a few pending business matters in this city, which will not take more than a week or ten days. The position was tendered to Mr. Vought recently, while he was in Indianapolis, Indiana, on business.

Billie Burke, Idlehour Monday and Tuesday—adv.

Originator of Republic Motor Trucks



F. W. RUGGLES

RUGGLES MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

Alma Man, Willys and Baxter Are Now Controlling Republic and Torbensen.

CONTINUE OLD POLICIES

Interests Formerly Owned in Alma and in Cleveland Purchased by the Three Men.

"F. W. Ruggles, President of the Republic Motor Truck Co. Inc., located here, formally announces that he has, in conjunction with John N. Willys and W. J. Baxter of New York City, acquired control of the Republic Motor Truck Co. Inc., and the Torbensen Axle Company of Cleveland, Ohio.

The interests formerly held in these corporations by parties located in Cleveland, Alma and other points, were purchased outright. The men whose holdings were purchased, including Chas. G. Rhodes, former secretary of the Republic company, C. F. Hepburn, former vice-president and general manager, J. O. Eaton, and others, have no further connection with either of the organizations.

"F. W. Ruggles further announces that in spite of conflicting rumors which have been published recently, the Willys-Overland Company of Toledo, Ohio, is in no way connected with the transaction, which was a purely personal investment by himself, John N. Willys and W. J. Baxter.

Mr. Ruggles also announced that the original administrative policies of the Republic Motor Truck Co. will in large measure be continued, and predicted a period of continued growth and prosperity for the institution."

LYCEUM COURSE

Tickets for Winter's Entertainments Are Now on Sale.

Tickets for the lyceum course which opens early in December will be on sale Monday at the banks, at the drug stores, and through canvassers, and from present indications the sale promises to be brisk, as the tickets are going rapidly.

The tickets are on sale for two dollars each, none being reserved. On December 1, the first drawing for reserved seats, covering the first three numbers of the course will be held at Brunner's drug store.

The lyceum course, which is being given under the auspices of the Chautauqua-Lyceum committee of this city, has arranged for the use of the Methodist Episcopal church for the winter evenings, when the entertainments are to be held. All of the numbers except the oratorio will be held at the M. E. church. The oratorio will be held in the Presbyterian church.

MARRIED WEDNESDAY

Lyle Follick, son of Mrs. Stella Follick, 164 Moyer avenue, and Miss Mildred Frisby, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Frisby of Riverdale, were quietly married last Wednesday evening at the home of Rev. May. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for Saginaw on a short wedding trip.

MAY INCREASE CAPITAL STOCK

Directors of First State Bank Have Made Recommendations to Stockholders.

PLAN TO DOUBLE AMOUNT

Meeting of Shareholders to be Held to Decide Matter Early in December.

There is every probability that within the next two weeks the stockholders of the First State Bank will have acted upon a recommendation of the directors of the institution, and have voted to increase the capital stock of the bank for the second time within a period of five years. In the present instance it is expected that the directors will be authorized to double the capital stock of the institution.

The First State Bank of Alma, through its board of directors, submitted to the stockholders during the month of December, 1914, a proposition which was appointed by them, and increased from \$30,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

Since that time the population of our city has increased by about one hundred percent and the industries of the city have had a corresponding increase in number and magnitude, so that at this time, the management of this bank, on being interviewed, state that these conditions warrant the board of directors in again recommending an increase in the capital stock of the bank to enable it to render more efficient service and to meet the requirements of this city and community.

During these five years, the bank has had a remarkable growth increasing its total resources from about \$400,000.00 to about \$1,500,000. It has paid its regular annual dividends on its capital stock to the stockholders and has increased its surplus fund from \$28,000.00 to \$50,000.00. This has been a very creditable showing and has been very satisfactory to the stockholders of the bank.

This strong financial institution, with its modern equipment, enjoys the confidence and patronage of an increasing number of citizens of this community, and naturally the public expects efficient service from a banking institution in which they place every confidence.

The directors are just issuing a call for a stockholders' meeting early in December and are recommending that the stockholders increase the capital stock of the bank from 500 shares at \$100.00 each, to 1,000 shares at \$100.00 each by offering the additional 500 shares of stock to its friends and depositors, influential and desirable citizens in and about Alma. A part of the proceeds of the sale of this stock, \$50,000.00, to be added to the capital stock account making the total capital \$100,000.00, and a part of the proceeds placed in the surplus fund, making the surplus \$100,000.00, thus making the total working capital \$200,000.00.

With this increase of capital and an increase of facilities for accommodating its customers, which are being planned, the bank will more nearly meet the requirements of the growing city and be able to continue to render valuable service to the public as well as to assume its rightful place among the strong financial institutions of this section of the state.

PURCHASE BUILDING

James DeRushia and William Hamilton Take Over N. Smith Concern.

Because of the press of other business Nelson Smith has sold his bean warehouse to James DeRushia and William Hamilton, well known Alma residents, who expect to enlarge the business and take in other lines just as soon as suitable machinery can be secured and installed.

It is the intention of the men to handle feed flour, potatoes, beans, and other produce, and with the delivery system which they are expecting to install prompt deliveries can be assured to Alma people.

Both Mr. DeRushia and Mr. Hamilton have had a wide experience in the business that they are just entering upon for themselves, and are well qualified to cater to the wants of the public in and around Alma, and it is certain that their past experience will be a valuable asset to them in their venture.

It is the intention of the men to secure a feed mill and other machinery, which will be installed in the warehouse just as soon as it can be secured, but owing to the difficulty in securing machinery, they are not yet prepared to announce at the present just when they will be able to take care of this promising end of the business.

Mr. Smith will continue his business of buying beans by the carload, and will continue to devote his spare time to his large ranch near Clare, which has been keeping him away so much that he decided it would be a wise plan to dispose of his Alma business interests.

Mr. DeRushia and Mr. Hamilton have already taken charge of the business and will be glad to meet old friends of Mr. Smith's at any time.

START SUIT

Suit for \$10,000 is Outgrowth of Alma Vice Crusade.

Suit has been started against Dr. Thomas J. Carney, and Ida Peck of this city, and Mary E. Corrigan of Bay City, by Minnie Van Norman, next friend of Nina McCall Rock, \$10,000 being sought as damages in the suit which is an outgrowth of the vice crusade which was waged in Alma during the period of the war.

The girl, Nina Rock, is said to have been one of those who was picked up here during the war time vice crusade, and was, following examination, confined in the detention home in Bay City from early November of 1918 until in January of 1919.

The institution of the suit against the three people has occasioned considerable talk in Alma, and not a little surprise, as it had always been considered that Dr. Carney, president of the Gratiot County Good Health Society, and Ida Peck, social worker of the city, were acting at the time under just such powers as had properly been given them in this work.

It is understood that the complaining has retained attorneys from Lansing, and that Dr. Carney has retained Ora L. Smith of Ithaca, Gratiot county prosecutor.

GREAT COMEBACK

SHOWN BY TEAM

Outplayed Kalamazoo in Second Half After Losing Game in Early Quarters.

Kalamazoo college's great gridiron eleven found the Alma college aggregation easy last Saturday and won the final game of the Michigan Intercollegiate race, making it a clean sweep for the entire season. The fray started like a run away for Kalamazoo, but a bitterly contested second half held the visitors points down and the game ended with a score of 41 to 6.

The second half of the game was the feature portion of the play, as the light and green Alma gridgers, after recovering from their stage-fright, came back in the second half and out fought and outplayed the champs, so decisively that there was not a person on the field, but had a high admiration for the Maroon and Cream. Without a doubt it was the greatest uphill battle against great odds that has ever been seen on Davis' field.

Facing a score of 27 to 0 at the end of the first half, the light eleven of Coach Wood's went back with a determination to fight, and time and again carried the ball far into Kalamazoo territory, and finally in the last quarter, after Mark and Hebert had been battered badly and forced from the fray, some brilliant end runs by Walker and three line smashes enabled the Alma fullback to crack through the famous Kazook line and put over a counter.

To start the game Kalamazoo won the toss and chose to kick. Hebert received the kick and returned the ball to the forty yard line. Alma was held and punted to the Kazooks. Following a few short gains, Captain Strome broke away on a delayed cross buck and carried the ball forty yards to the five yard line. "Frog" Thompson smashed the rest of the way for the first counter. Thompson goaled.

Kazook again kicked off and the ball rolled over the Alma goal, and then was a great bone head pulled off which gave Kalamazoo a touchdown without an effort. No one attempted to fall on the ball. Thompson dropped on the pigskin, and Kalamazoo had another touchdown. The try at goal was made by Thompson.

Alma had the ball far in her own territory when the second quarter started. Alma punted outside on the fourth down in midfield. On the fourth down Kazook pulled a pretty pass that netted thirty yards. Shortly after Captain Strome smashed over for the third Kazook touchdown. Thompson kicked the goal. Alma received, and carried the ball to midfield where on a fourth down Mark punted to Kazook's five yard line. Crossbucks, and runs, and a few trick plays netted Kalamazoo almost the length of the field for Thompson's next touchdown. The try at goal failed.

The half ended with the ball in Alma's possession on Kazook's forty yard line.

Alma started a slashing attack in the third quarter, that prompted Coach Young of Kalamazoo to send in new men, to replace some of his tired and exhausted forces. Walker pulled one brilliant gain around end for forty yards, while time and again Mark smashed against the weighty Kazook line that had stood the attacks of many teams this year successfully and not once were the Kazooks able to stop the smashes of the freshman. He consistently gained from three to ten yards each time, until Alma reached the shadow of Kazook goal, where Kalamazoo intercepted a pass on the twenty yard line. Kazook was backed to her five yard line on a penalty. On the first play Casteel grabbed off thirty yards and then Kalamazoo punted to Beattie, who had replaced Captain Hebert, when he was carried from the field in his last collegiate football game. As the ball settled in Beattie's arms he was tackled, forcing him to jug.

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GRATIOT CLUB ELECTION HELD

Ezra L. Smith Elected President and Dr. F. J. Graham is Made Vice President.

FAREWELL FOR C. F. BROWN

Former Member, Head of Board of Trade and Editor Given a Fine Sendoff.

The annual election of the Gratiot club was held Friday evening at the club, and in connection with this annual event, which resulted in the election of Ezra L. Smith as president of the organization, was the splendid farewell given to Charles F. Brown, late proprietor of the Alma Record, president of the Board of Trade and honored member of the club.

The election which was held from 7:00 p. m. until 9:00 p. m., was a well-attended event for the offices of president and vice president, Ezra L. Smith and Dr. F. J. Graham were elected to these offices over J. W. Blakely and A. W. Brunner. Ernest E. Seig, candidate for secretary and treasurer on both the blue and the white tickets, will hold those offices during the coming year. The directors were also elected at the Friday evening meeting, these being as follows: For two years—H. M. Crooks, Charles G. Rhodes and Francis King; for one year—George Ogden, Rev. J. Frank Jackson, and Henry H. Soule.

Following the election, Charles F. Brown, for many years one of Alma's highly esteemed business men and citizens, was presented with a handsome leather rocking chair by the members of the club, the presentation speech for the club being made by the Hon. William A. Bahlke, who spoke as follows:

"Mr. President and Members of Gratiot Club and Friends:

"I am greatly pleased to be your spokesman at these exercises, planned in honor of your guest, Charles F. Brown.

"Mr. Brown came to this city when it was a small village in 1886. A substantial number of our former and present citizens came to Alma during the same year. At that time, I think we were a place of about 1200 population, although more were claimed. There were only five brick buildings then in the village, Wright's Opera House Block, then so called, and the Wright House, were completed in 1883-4. The only other brick buildings then in the village, were this place, the former residence of Hon. William S. Turck, now deceased, and at present the home of your club, the residence of the Delavan's on State street, and the Delavan store now occupied by Mr. Broad, on Superior street. The old high school across the river, was open for school purposes for the school year of 1886-7. The Sanitarium was started in 1886. Brainerd's Normal school, now Alma College, three buildings, were built in 1886. There were no manufacturing enterprises in the city. Until the advent of Mr. Wright in 1882, our city was just a thriving cross roads country village. It had struggled for an existence, but had not succeeded in advancing beyond a little village, dependent entirely upon agricultural pursuits for its existence. Into this kind of a community came Charles F. Brown, and here as editor, publisher, politician and all around hustler, he has lived and devoted the best years of his life.

"I think it entirely worthy of comment that this occasion is the second one of its kind, that has taken place in this community in the past 35 years. The other occasion, was when the citizens of our town, one afternoon about 20 years ago, gathered and marched to the residence of Mr. Wright on State street, and presented to him there, a rocking chair, as a slight token of the esteem and respect which our citizens entertained for him, by reason of his life among us and the prosperity and growth which he had brought to us. This was entirely a worthy demonstration of our people toward one eminently deserving the honor. Mr. Wright gave to this community, the benefit of the material things of life, which he possessed, and by it, he helped develop this then struggling little village, out of its old ways into the new.

"I say that it is entirely fitting that we should remember that occasion of 20 years ago at this time. The fortunes of life have not brought to Mr. Brown, the material prosperity that it brought to Mr. Wright, but I think that it is entirely proper to say, and I say it with careful consideration of the exact truth, that while it has not been given to Mr. Brown to give to this community so much of the material things of this world, it is equally worthy of comment, that no person who has lived in this community during the past 34 years, has given so much of his time and his effort to the development and betterment of his city and service to his friends, as has Charles F. Brown. I do not know of a higher compliment that we could pay to any person.

"During all these years, whenever and wherever it was necessary and desirable, that effort should be made for the upbuilding and improvement (Continued on page four)